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are being misled. Bad legislation is crossing this floor because senators are listening to staff members who don't pay attention, or don't understand English, or don't know the law. I don't see a single word in what Senator Bromm read, that his staff member told him to read, that contradicts what I said. If anything, it underscores it. I said that the Public Service Commission is authorized to define these terms that are in this amendment. I said that. And I went further to point out that because they have the authority to write definitions they can change the definition, and they can. Nothing Senator Bromm read went against what I said. If he'd listen to me, he wouldn't have to listen to a staff member who doesn't know what's going on on the floor. Now smarter people than him have tried to catch me in my words. When it comes to that I'm like Jesus in the temple, the scribes, the Pharisees and their lawyers would often ask him questions trying to catch him in his words, and they never managed to do it. I want somebody to stand on this floor and show me what I said is inaccurate, and what I've said is that the Public Service Commission can change the definition of limousine at any point they choose. And if they change that definition they can include more types of vehicles or they can exclude some from that definition which currently are limousines at the time we pass the law. Nobody has been able to stand up and refute that. So if you don't have a statute to refute that, everything your staff tells you to read can, obviously, be read. You can use your time as you see fit in the way that I use mine. You're going to legislate by cloture and you're going to legislate by staff. But I am not going to stand here and not take issue with something that is brought, on the floor, and inject it into the discussion. You know another difference between me and the members on this floor? You don't see staff members coming up to me, giving me papers, do you? You don't see them whispering in my ear, do you? You don't see me tell...them telling me, here's the statute, do you? You know where I carry mine? I carry it in my head. And that's why, Senator Vrtiska, if I was going to wear a hat that was the size of a head that would ordinarily carry what I carry in my head, you could kill every cow, bull, heifer, and calf in this state and not be able to build a hat...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.